SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 28th May, 2013

1. The Senate met at 10:35 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 23rd May, 2013.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcements:**
(a) Meeting:
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*) as follows:

THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution
National Assembly Complex,
P. M. B. 141, Garki, Abuja-Nigeria

27th May, 2013

His Excellency
The Senate President
Senate Chamber
National Assembly Complex
Abuja

My dear brother,

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Senate Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution will meet today Tuesday, 28th May, 2013, immediately after sitting at the Senate President's Meeting Room 301, Senate Building (New Wing).

(Signed)
Senator Ike Ekweremadu
Deputy Senate President/Chairman

(b) ***Invitation:***

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba (*Cross River Central*) as follows:

SENATOR VICTOR NDOMA-EGBA OFR, SAN
SENATE LEADER
SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ANNOUNCEMENT

The President and Commander-In-Chief Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan will be presenting his transformation mid-term report on Wednesday, 29 May, 2013 at the International Conference Centre, Abuja at 10 am prompt.

Distinguished Senators are invited to attend and should endeavour to be punctual.

(Signed)
Senator Victor Ndoma -Egba OFR, CON, SAN
Senate Leader.

(c) ***Acknowledgment:***

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(*i*) Staff and Students of International Community School, Wuse II, Abuja;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Pakit Foundation School, Dakwa, Niger State; and

(*iii*) Staff and Students of the New Vine Academy, Bwari, Abuja.

4. Committee on Aviation:
Report on the Screening of Nominee:

Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

5. Committee on Police Affairs:
Report on the Screening of Nominees:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs, on the screening of the following as Chairman and Members of the Police Service Commission:

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION	STATE	ZONE
(*i*)	Mr. Mike Okiro, JP	Chairman		
(*ii*)	Mr. Yakubu Mohammed, DIG (Rtd)	Member	Katsina	N/W
(*iii*)	Hon. Justice Olufunke Adekeye, JSC (Rtd)	Member	Osun	S/W
(*iv*)	Aisha Larai Tukur	Member	Taraba	N/E
(*v*)	Mrs. Comfort Obi	Member	Imo	S/E
(*vi*)	Chief Torngee Gem Toranyiin	Member	Benue	N/C
(*vii*)	Dr. Otive Igbuzor	Member	Delta	S/S

(*Senator Paulinus N. Igwe — Ebonyi Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. **Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity:**
Report on the Labour Act CAP L1 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2013 (SB.145):
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Employment, Labour and Productivity on the Labour Act CAP L1 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2013(*Senator Wilson A. Ake — Rivers West*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

7. **Joint Committee on Defence and Army; Police Affairs; and National Security and Intelligence:**
Report on the Loss of Lives and Destruction of Properties in Baga Town:
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Defence and Army; Police Affairs; and National Security and Intelligence, on the loss of many lives and the destruction of several houses, cars and motorcycles in Baga Town, Kukuwa Local Government Area, Borno State (*Senator George T. Sekibo — Rivers East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

8. **Committee on National Identity and National Population:**
Report on the Screening of Nominee:
Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on National Identity and National Population on the screening of Muhammad Aminu Ahmad (*Sokoto State*) as a Member of the National Population Commission (*Senator Maina M. Lawan — Borno North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report *(Senate Leader)*.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on National Identity and National Population on the screening of Muhammad Aminu Ahmad (*Sokoto State*) as a Member of the National Population Commission.

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Muhammad Aminu Ahmad (*Sokoto State*) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on National Identity and National Population on the screening of Muhammad Aminu Ahmad (*Sokoto State*) as a Member of the National Population Commission and approved the nomination.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nomination:

Question:
"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Muhammad Aminu Ahmad (*Sokoto State*) as a Member of the National Population Commission?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Muhammad Aminu Ahmad (Sokoto State) as a Member of the National Population Commission accordingly confirmed.

9. **Pension Reform Act (No.2) 2004 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (SB.288):**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Pension Reform Act (No.2) 2004 and enact the Pension Reform Act 2013 to make provision for Contributory Pension Scheme and for Connected Matters be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Establishment and Public Services to report within Four (4) weeks.

10. **Committee on Finance:**
Report on the Customs and Excise Management Act CAP C45, LFN 2004, (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2013 (HB.238 and SB.148):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. **Adjournment:**
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 4th June, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:52 *p.m.*

Dr. David A. B. Mark, GCON, fnim
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.